



UNITY
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CONGREGATION

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

805 South Boulevard

7:00 PM :: May 9, 2017

Attendees

Board: Rob Bellmar, Karen Haskins-Brewer, Alec Brownlow, Bill Crozier, Kathy Clark, Dave Willard, Anne Devaud

A-Team: Alan Taylor, Emily Gage, Elizabeth Plummer, Kellie Kelly

Guest: Tina Lewis

1. Centering began at 7:02 by Alan.
2. Centering and check-in addressed feelings regarding our re-entrance to UT! There was a lot of gratitude.
3. Consent Agenda – The Board discussed A-Team report. Motion to approve A-Team report and April's minutes by Bill, seconded by Alec. Unanimously approved.
4. UTUUC Babysitting Co-op – Tina discussed the idea and shared its development. The Board reviewed a draft of guidelines. Additional ideas to address are background checks and how to handle someone in the Co-op who lapses in membership. Ed Malone will provide legal counsel. Tina will bring back another draft in the fall for the Board to review.
5. Financial Update – Elizabeth stated that finances are in good shape. Some clarifications were made about various items listed. We discussed UT Suggested Rental Fees for events. Elizabeth stated the amounts are consistent with, and fair, compared to other venues. There will be no Financial Reports for July due to moving.
6. Transition Teams Update – Alan shared that the various transition teams are working hard. The Moving Team has boxes at locations ready for packing and an email went out for members to sign-up to help pack. The United Lutheran Team has our thank you and farewell organized. On May 21, Alan will thank the congregation at their 9:30 service and present a plaque. At our 11:00 service that day, their minister will attend and be presented with a clock. We are also giving them a tree (Alec chose and purchased it – a lovely magnolia that will be planted in their south lawn area). The Opening Weekend Team has its events organized. June 10, from 3-5, is the Blessing Ceremony and Open House for the congregation. June 11 are our first services in the building, at 9 and 10:45. June 16 is the UTRF Donor Recognition event, by invitation only. June 17 is the Ribbon Cutting and Civic Ceremony, from 9:45 to 11:30, by invitation only. August 27 is our first two-service Sunday after the summer schedule, typically called Homecoming Sunday. Alan is looking for a new name, as some members have commented to him that they attended in the summer and the name does not reflect their experience. This date will also be the Block Party. Kathy shared that an emphasis on including those who don't live in Oak Park, proper, would help UT feel more inclusive. Many members don't live in

Oak Park, but in the surrounding towns, and UT could feel more like a regional church rather than an Oak Park church. The Security Team is meeting. It was strongly suggested that the team look into buying stanchions (the poles and velvet rope used to set boundaries at events) and making signs that are 2-sided, with one side saying “No Tours – Private Event” and “No Tours – Worship Service Occurring” or something to that effect. There were already visitors attempting to see the building during the May 6th wedding. The Re-dedication Team is led by Alan and he is hoping to have the new UUA president – when elected – attend the service. He requested volunteers from the Board for the team and Anne volunteered.

7. Rev. Taylor’s Sabbatical – Alan stated he will plan to take a half-sabbatical from April thru July 2018 and another half-sabbatical starting in April 2019. If he feels an earlier sabbatical would be better for his medical needs, he may take it beginning in January 2018. He will have a better sense of its timing this fall. When the timing is decided, he will put together a Sabbatical Team for its planning.
8. Building Update – Elizabeth said Unity Temple is looking great and she is attending to a Punch List of final items that need completion. She said the 1019 building is also coming along well. August 19, from 9 to 12, will be a simple Open House for the building, with coffee and light snacks.
9. Naming 1019 - Rob will look into how to move forward with the process.
10. Additional Business – We will return to our starting time of 6:30 for Board meetings next month, on June 13th. (We will be back in UT by then!) Kathy moved we adjourn the meeting and Dave seconded. Meeting ended at 8:44, unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Anne Devaud, BOT Secretary